

FIRE

Causes Heavy Loss at Salem, Ind.

A Whole Square Was Burned Down.

Twenty Horses Perished in Livery Stable.

Several Large Business Blocks and Merchandise Destroyed.

Salem, Ind., May 8.—(Spl.)—A destructive fire here at 2 o'clock this morning destroyed every building in the square bounded by Market, Water and Poplar sts., except Munkell's flouring mill.

Twenty horses, as many vehicles, and a large amount of merchandise were burned. The fire broke out in Taylor's livery barn, causing a loss of \$10,000 to the stable. W. J. Hauger's coal yard and ware rooms were burned. Loss, \$7,000; Cooperative Store Co.'s ware rooms, loss \$2,000, and Reid & Peck's store. Loss \$2,000. There are other minor sufferers. Insurance will not cover half the loss.

WAR

On Tarbell St. Aired in Court.

It Was a Rather Expensive Proceeding All Around.

"It's a bad neighborhood, anyway," said Mrs. Ida Stehle, a witness for Martin Dahlke, of Tarbell st., in the case in which the latter charged Edward Pahl and Andrew Siegfert with assault and battery, in Police court Wednesday.

"Maybe it has changed; you say you have been away," said W. E. Young, Esq., who was defending the youthful prisoners.

"Changed?" I'd like to see any change there."

"That's right, it's no lie," put in Mrs. Dahlke, and so often did she interrupt the witnesses and comment on the testimony that she was conducted to another room.

"Hold on, hold on," cried Martin Dahlke, as Attorney Young tried to interrupt a statement he was making. Mr. Dahlke waved his arms and spoke partly in English and partly in German as he testified, and at last an interpreter was called.

The result was that Dahlke was fined the costs for assault on Pahl and Pahl was fined the costs for throwing a stone at Dahlke—\$5.35 each.

BEST

Advertisement Akron Has Had For Years.

Twenty thousand pamphlets, describing Akron, Barberton and Kenmore, are being sent out by the Akron Realty Co. The books are neatly bound and printed on splendid paper. Although the books were printed for the purpose of advancing the interests of the Realty Co., they are the best advertisement that the city has had in years.

Arm Broken.

Mike Nolan, an inmate of the County Infirmary, fell and broke his left arm today. The fracture is below the elbow. Nolan is 50 years old, and usually earns his living during the summer. He had just left the infirmary but was sent back today.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend sincere thanks to Father Brown, the school children, and the neighbors and friends, for their beautiful floral gifts, and the kindness and sympathy shown during our great bereavement in the loss of our dear son and brother, Walter Walterscheidt.

Hubert Walterscheidt and Family.

The Helfer property, corner of Prospect and Park streets. 66 by 240 feet, for sale by C. E. Helfer, Executor.

WANTED

Hammermen accustomed to drop forged work.

The Whitman & Barnes Mfg. Co. West Pullman, Ill.

FILLIUS.

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pion Iron Company of Canton will be able to bid under it.

"I claim that as a matter of good faith the Commissioners should have opened the matter to competition. At any rate I intend to go to the limit of my authority to prevent the contract's being awarded in the manner that a majority of the members of the Board have voted to have it given."

Mr. Fillius claims that the petition asking for competition in the jail contracts, is an endorsement of his position in the matter. The petition was signed by the following:

The Enterprise Manufacturing Co., Bruner, Goodhue, Cooke Co., Wm. H. Evans & Co., C. A. Brouse, H. M. Hollinger, Citizens National Bank of Akron, Schumacher & Gammeter, Akron Odd Fellows Temple Co., Charles T. Luman, R. S. Thomas, Allen & Cobbs, E. H. Stuart, E. W. Stuart, Geo. W. Carmichael & Co., J. J. Harter, Rohrbacher, Allen & Jahant, D. A. Hibbard, J. E. Good, Pouchot, Hunsicker & Co., D. Jackson & Co., Andrew Jackson, Clint W. Kline, A. D. Logan, J. M. Davidson, H. W. Anson, Walter F. Kline, A. H. Sargent, W. E. Langdon, W. A. Folger, I. C. Gibbons, Thomas Brady, C. A. Stowers, Orlando Case, E. S. Bunnell, A. C. Stambaugh, Gordon & Runyon, The Thomas Phillips Co., Summit Lumber & Building Co., and W. A. McClellan.

"My reason in voting to award the contract to a Cleveland architect," said Commissioner Fillius, "was to break up the ring that all too evidently was trying to control the building of the jail and the fat contracts that are to be awarded for its construction. If the taxpayers of Summit county want to have their jail built without competition, they will have their Board of Commissioners to thank for it. I feel that I have done my part toward protecting their interests in this regard. The contract as awarded by my two colleagues on the Board will go into effect within the next two weeks, in spite of my vote to prevent it."

JOKE

On a Barberton Marshal.

Prisoner Locked the Official Up

And Escaped, But Was Finally Re-Captured.

(Special Correspondence)

Barberton, May 8.—Daniel Myers was arrested here last night for throwing stones at a street car. He was placed in the town jail.

This morning when Marshal Ferguson took Myers his breakfast, the prisoner managed to escape while the Marshal was cleaning up about the jail. The Marshal started to pursue but Myers locked him in the jail, and escaped as far as New Portage before being recaptured. He will be given a hearing tomorrow.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets 30c

ENTERTAINMENT

Given by Children of Hebrew Sunday School.

The children of the Hebrew Temple Sunday school gave an entertainment in Progress hall last evening. The feature of the evening was a minstrel show in which practically all the children participated. After the entertainment a light lunch was served. The older ones present danced until midnight. The entertainment was under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Philo.

Thumb Cut Off.

Cuyahoga Falls, May 8.—Bert Darow, of this place, while working in Hawn & Co.'s planing mill today got his right hand too near the buzz saw with the result that the thumb was cut off.

AMUSEMENTS.

Another pleased audience left the Grand opera house Tuesday evening at the conclusion of the performance given by Bert Marshall's vaudeville company. Every act was a feature. Saturday afternoon a school children's matinee will be given. There will be a complete change of the program Thursday evening.

ANNUAL

Report of C., A. & C. R. R.

It Will be Issued Next Month.

Earnings About Same as Last Year.

New Yards Will be Very Extensive.

Plans For Mill Street Viaduct—Railroad News.

The annual report of the C., A. & C. Railway Co. will be issued next month, the fiscal year closing May 31.

Although the exact figures will not be known for several weeks the officials of the company are speculating as to the showing that will be made.

Last year the gross earnings were the heaviest in the history of the road. The operating expenses were greater than during any year, so that the net earnings were reduced a considerable extent. To be accurate the gross earnings were \$1,066,279, and the net earnings \$224,636. In conversation with an official of the company Wednesday a reporter for the Democrat was told that the gross earnings this year would be about the same as in 1900. There will be but little change in the expenditures so that the net earnings will show but a small difference either way.

SOUTH AKRON YARDS.

The new yards to be built in South Akron this year will be much more extensive than those now used between Mill and Center sts. Chief Engineer Russell informed a reporter for the Democrat Wednesday that the greater part of the land owned by the company between Main st. and the Rubber Co., would be devoted to the yards. As mentioned in the Democrat Monday, work on the yards will commence not later than July 1. Speaking of the important improvement Mr. Byers, general superintendent, said: "The change from the present yards to the new yards will do away with a great amount of annoyance, both to the public and the railroad. The continual delay at the Mill and Center sts. crossing has resulted in a loss of time to the company. Our engineers have been compelled to cut trains many times every day in order to let pedestrians and vehicles over the tracks. Under the new arrangement there will be much less switching over the street crossings."

MILL STREET VIADUCT.

The railroads have made no changes in the plans which were submitted to the City Commissioners some time ago for the Mill st. viaduct. It is known that the railroads are ready to go ahead with the work just as

soon as the city shows a disposition to approve the plans.

VISITING FRIENDS.

Mr. J. J. Lyons, assistant auditor of disbursement for the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh, is in the city calling on old friends. He formerly resided in Akron. Before being appointed to his present position he was auditor of the C., A. & C. Railway Co.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Arc lights have been placed over the tracks at the Union depot.

Once tried, always used is Cordova Coffee.

Personal and Social

Mrs. Edward Rubin is spending a few days with Cleveland relatives.

Mr. A. T. Kingsbury will leave this evening for Cincinnati. He is traveling agent for the Hartwell Furniture Co., of that city.

Rev. C. E. Keller has received an invitation to deliver an address at the State convention of the Luther League in Mansfield, May 15. He will accept, but conditionally, as he is likely to be called away at any time, owing to his mother's serious illness.

Mrs. A. K. Fouser and Miss Mabel E. Brookman left this afternoon for a week's stay in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Fouser will attend the National conference of Charities and Corrections as delegate from the State of Ohio, through an appointment by Gov. Nash and will also represent the Union Charity Association of this city.

CRISP VIALLE.

Mr. Fred Crisp and Miss Grace Vialle were married Wednesday noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Viall, the parents of the bride. The only guests present were the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. At 12:30 a wedding dinner was served. The young people will enjoy a short wedding journey before returning to Akron. Both have many friends here. While they were at the wedding dinner, some of their friends asked the driver of the coach in which they were to make the trip to the depot to accompany them to a photographer. On the way the vehicle was decorated with old shoes, white ribbons, etc. A picture was taken of it.

DEATHS.

NEITZ—Mrs. Mary Neitz, aged 61 years, wife of Elias Neitz, died of kidney trouble at her home, 119 Taylor st., Tuesday night. Funeral services will be held from the house at 8:30 a.m., and from the church at East Liberty at 10:30 a.m. Friday.

Poisoned.

Attorney E. C. Webster is suffering from a badly swollen face. While working in the garden his hands came in contact with some variety of poison weed. It is not believed that there will not be any serious result.

Death at Barberton.

(Special Correspondence.)
Barberton, May 8.—Mrs. Catherine Hoy, aged 66, died of paralysis at 10 o'clock this morning. She leaves a husband, three daughters and one son. Funeral Friday. Burial will be made at Clinton.

How is Cordova Coffee? It's all right.

GAVE \$500.

The Hospital Debt Fund Steadily Increases.

A check for \$500 was given Rev. L. A. Lindemuth, secretary of the Akron City Hospital association by the American Cereal Co. Tuesday, as its contribution toward the \$15,000 to pay the institution's debt.

"The fund is growing and we are surely going to get enough money," said Rev. Lindemuth, Tuesday night. "I have been alone in the work lately. Capt. A. P. Baldwin having been

Lawyers Put Their Names on Their Books.

On the backs of their law books hereafter, local attorneys, at least a majority of them, will see their names. Of course all the lawyers are perfectly honest and if they borrow books they return them; and yet there is a certain dry humor in the unanimity with which they have all lately adopted the plan of having their names stamped

A RARE PIANO SALE

We are obliged to make room for a carload of bargains in Upright Pianos, being shipped to us, and we therefore quote you the following low prices to dispose of these Pianos quickly:

One standard, high grade piano, used only a few months is a most artistically designed full size burl walnut case, best of ivory keys. Wessel Nichol & Gross action—this is truly a rare bargain—a \$450 piano, good as new for

\$300

One Chickering upright piano, large size rosewood case, in very good condition, for

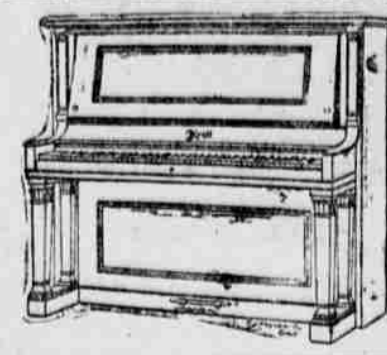
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One full size piano, beautifully designed mahogany case, used six months, one of our very best sellers, of which hundreds have been sold in Akron and vicinity for \$275

175

One fine piano, eastern make, rented one year, in double veneered full size walnut case, ivory keys, full iron frame. This is an extraordinary bargain, cheap at \$225, now

165



We have a number of other pianos slightly used, which we will sell at equally low prices. We also have shipped to us the carload of bargains mentioned above, other than our regular line of goods, in cases of last year's styles. These pianos will range in price from \$150 up and will be here in a very few days.

Our stock of new up-to-date pianos is complete, with others arriving daily. These include the Ahlstrom, Kimball, Spielman, Baus, Schumann, etc.

Do not fail to look through our special stock. Easy monthly payments may be arranged. Modern stool and handsome scarf are included in above prices. Out of town purchasers should not fail to take advantage of above special offer—freights are low and we pledge ourselves to make a most careful selection. In the event of any of the above pianos proving not entirely satisfactory and on that account being returned to us, we will cheerfully pay the freight both ways.

WE ARE NOT LEAVING AKRON; AND ANY AGREEMENTS MADE WE ARE HERE TO FULFILL.

Under no circumstances can the above pianos be duplicated at these sacrifice prices after this lot has been disposed of.

Immediate Attention Advised.

A. B. Smith
220 S. Main St., Akron.

221 S. Howard st., Akron.
132 S. Market st., Canton.

FRANCHISE

For Line Through Kent.

Council Awarded It to N. O. T. Last Night.

The Final Vote Stood Five to One.

Company Accepts, and Will Begin Work Within Ten Days.

(Special Correspondence.)
Kent, O., May 8.—(Spl.)—Council last night granted a franchise to the N. O. T. Co., and it was accepted for the company by its attorney, Mr. O. S. Rockwell.

The franchise calls for a bond of \$1,000 as guarantee that work on the line through the city for the proposed extension to Ravenna, will begin within 10 days from the acceptance of the franchise.

Council was in session from 8 to 12 o'clock. The franchise ordinance which had passed second reading a week ago, and been laid on the table, was taken up, two amendments added, and passed finally.

The amendments struck out the clauses providing for the company's selling six tickets for 25 cents—one of which to be good from Kent to Brady Lake, and two good for the trip between Kent and Ravenna.

Reports showed that the company has received property consents from a majority of owners along its proposed line, and there will be no further delay in the work. The final vote to grant the franchise was:

Ayes—Miller, Braddock, Garrison, Watt and McMarra.
Nay—Dykes.

SMALLPOX

Is Disturbing the People of Twinsburg—Birthday Party.

(Special Correspondence.)
Twinsburg, May 8.—Mr. Murry of Oberlin, preached in the Congregational church Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. Rogers, of Brecksville, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Fessenden.

A number from here attended County examination.

Mrs. Southworth and son Will, of Pennsylvania, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chamberlain.

An ice cream social will be given at the Macedonia hall, Wednesday evening. Try and come.

Mr. Derwood Ellworth has the smallpox.

Miss Dora Nietzel of Bedford, was the guest of Miss Lydia Hull.

A surprise party was given Miss Mabel Otto on Monday evening, it being her 19th birthday. About 50 were present. She received beautiful presents from her friends; also a handsome ring from her mother. Games were played, after which a lovely supper was served and all went home glad

WADE,

Charged With Murder,

Is Under Arrest at Clinton, Mass.

Sheriff Kelly Will Go After Him.

Went to Columbus to Obtain Requisition Papers.

Sheriff F. G. Kelly is in Columbus for the purpose of securing requisition papers for Joe Wade, who is under arrest at Clinton, Mass.

Wade is wanted in this county on a charge of murdering Joseph Turner near Tallmadge, a year ago last October. Both men were colored and worked for the Erie railroad. After the shooting Wade disappeared. Wednesday morning a telegram was received in this city stating that the authorities at Clinton had arrested a negro who tallied with Wade's description except that he was one inch shorter than the measurement given in the circular which was sent out by the authorities. Sheriff Kelly is positive that the right man has been arrested.

Too Late to Classify

WANTED—Four or five more girls at American Marble Co., W. Center st. 15-17*

WANTED—Boy 16 or 17 years old to wash windows and show cases at Surprise Store. 15-17

WANTED—A young girl for laundry work, apply at Akron Laundry Co., 161 S. High st. 15-17

THE DEMOCRAT'S

WANT PAGE GROWS

BECAUSE IT BRINGS RESULTS.

PROF. TURNER

The Akron Ladies' Tailor.

IS SHOWING A SPLENDID AND BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF

Woolens for Spring and Summer.

CALL AND SEE OUR LINE OF FABRICS. WE GUARANTEE OUR WORKMANSHIP AND INSURE A PERFECT FIT.

Prof. Turner

Room 30
Arcade Block,
TAKE ELEVATOR.